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PROGRAM Jack Anderson

STATION WEAM Radio  
Syndicated

DATE September 16, 1982 9:00 AM CITY Washington, DC

SUBJECT The US and Argentina

JACK ANDERSON: Will Argentine animosities toward the United States continue?

I'll tell you tomorrow's headlines today right after this message.

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The Falklands Islands crisis put a rift in relations between the United States and Argentina. But my CIA sources tell me that won't last. You see, the Argentines must look to the United States to seek a British withdrawal from the islands and eventual Argentine sovereignty over the Falklands.

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PROGRAM Jack Anderson Confidential STATION WJLA TV  
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DATE September 18, 1982 7:30 PM CITY Washington, DC

SUBJECT CIA Assessment of Lebanon

JACK ANDERSON: It's been a tragic week for Lebanon; tragic, too, for the United States. Lebanon's charismatic young President-elect Bashir Gemayel is dead. He had the eloquence, the brains and the guile to become a forceful leader. And Lebanon needed a forceful leader.

Last month I spent several hours with Gemayel in Beirut. His compound was surrounded by sandbags and body guards. He spoke of his two year old daughter who had been killed in a bomb meant for him.

On August 30th, I reported that he was marked for assassination. Now it has happened, and Lebanon is leaderless. CIA sources tell me no other leader has the strength to end the chaos in Lebanon.

Well, it's true that Gemayel was controversial. But he was also pro-American. And the rivals who killed him are anti-American. I'll tell you later what the CIA expects to happen now that Gemayel is gone.

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ANDERSON: The most publicized man in America, Ronald Reagan, is still a mystery to millions of people. There's an all-American quality about him that compels trust and confidence. Perhaps it's his open face, his quick grin. He also has an easiness of manner, an engaging sincerity. But is this all an act? After all, he is an actor who made movies before he turned to politics. As a politician, he's been tough, even

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harsh. Does he hide a mean spirit behind his amiable manner? What's President Reagan really like?

Well, to find out, I borrowed one of the CIA's methods. The CIA carefully studies and psychoanalyzes world leaders in order to understand them better. So I asked a team of psychologists and psychoanalysts, headed by the world famous Dr. Michael Macabee, to analyze the President for me.

They believe Reagan, of course, was influenced by his childhood. His father was an unsuccessful shoe salesman with a drinking problem. But the son was encouraged to make good by his strong-willed mother. He got ahead by developing a pleasing personality, by selling his Midwestern charm. As a movie star, he found himself adrift in the world of make-believe. He tended to adopt the attitudes of those around him, to look to heroes for guidance. One of his first heroes was Franklin D. Roosevelt.

So Reagan became a New Deal liberal. And he was elected by liberals to be president of the Screen Actors Guild. In this capacity, he came into conflict with hard-core communists posing as liberals. The experience soured Reagan on liberalism. He began to question his beliefs. Then he married Nancy Davis, a firm conservative, and came into contact with conservatives. Again, Reagan adopted the attitudes of his associates. But this time his circle of friends were self-made millionaires. He accepted their vision of America.

Let me quote directly from the psychoanalysis. "Reagan's political beliefs remain simple and inflexible. He believes that the government should do the minimum. His sympathies do not extend to the victims of social and technological change, people he doesn't know and hasn't seen. He sentimentalizes successful people who follow the model of Horatio Alger."

But the psychoanalysts find nothing mean or vindictive about the President. They describe him as a tolerant, amiable man. Those close to him probably find him a soft touch. Yet he's a leader who sets his own goals and makes his own decisions. Still, he can delegate authority, and he listens to the advice of those he trusts. The psychoanalysts say he makes political concessions, but doesn't re-think his basic views. He longs for a simpler society and has trouble coping with rapid change.

So here is Dr. Macabee's conclusion. I'm quoting. "Ronald Reagan has the leadership style and engaging personality that could make him an ideal modern leader. But his backward vision does not focus on the realities of our time."

Now as to the Middle East. President Reagan believes he can bring peace to this embattled area. Here's what he told me

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the day before Bashir Gemayel was assassinated in Lebanon.

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN: Just as Egypt signed a peace treaty, there are other Arab nations, and I believe they're ready to come together and negotiate agreements so that we can find the Arab nations and Israel in the Middle East sure of their borders, sure of their neighbors, convinced that they can live in peace with each other.

ANDERSON: CIA analysts take a much more grim view of the peace prospects. They tell me that the Palestine Liberation Organization did not live up to its agreement to evacuate Lebanon and give up its arms. Thousands of PLO troops stayed in Lebanon in hiding. They stashed their weapons in underground bunkers. Those who pulled out turned over their weapons to the Lebanese radicals who had been fighting with them.

Now some of the evacuated PLO guerrillas are sneaking back into Lebanon. The assassination of Lebanon's President-elect Bashir Gemayel also eliminates the only real leader whom the Israelis trusted. So the Israeli operation has failed. The PLO are still in Lebanon. No government would now be strong enough to unite the warring factions, bring stability to Lebanon and sign a peace treaty with Israel. The CIA therefore expects the Israelis to renew the mop-up operation they started. The CIA also fears the fighting will ignite a war between Israel and Syria.

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